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R 041528Z SEP 76  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY HARPERS MAGAZINE JOURNALIST PETER ISEMAN

1. PETER ISEMAN, JOURNALIST, HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY HARPERS MAGAZINE TO WRITE A 12,000 WORD COVER STORY BASED ON A THREE-MONTH TRIP HE PLANS TO TAKE THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA, OMAN, THE UAE, QATAR, BAHRAIN, AND KUWAIT. MR. ISEMAN HOPES TO BEGIN IN SAUDI ARABIA SHORTLY AFTER RAMADAN, AND TO SPEND SIX WEEKS IN THE KINGDOM, VISITING NOT ONLY THE MAIN CITIES BUT ALSO SOME REGIONAL CENTERS SUCH AS ABHA. HE HAS APPLIED FOR VISA AT SAUDI EMBASSY, BUT EMBASSY IS AWAITING OK OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. WHILE MR. ISEMAN HAS REQUESTED NOTHING OTHER THAN A VISA, HARPERS HAS WRITTEN SAG EMBASSY EXPRESSING HOPE HE WILL OBTAIN "SUFFICIENT COOPERATION AND ACCESS." ISEMAN SPEAKS SOME ARABIC, HAVING SPENT A YEAR AT MECAS. HE HAS VISITED

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FOURTEEN ARAB COUNTRIES OVER LAST FOUR YEARS AND SPENT

TWO DAYS IN JIDDA IN MAY 1974.

2. ISEMAN HOPES TO LEAVE US ON SEPTEMBER 13. REQUEST  
EMBASSY CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION AND URGE THAT THEY GIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO  
ISEMAN'S REQUEST. ROBINSON

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